

212 THE SPANISH TREASURE SENT TO LONDON,
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I am assured to hear from himself, this night at the furthest; and then I will certify*your Honour, with speed, again.

And so, for this time, I leave to trouble your Honour any further; praying for the increase of your Honour's estate,

From Plymouth, the *zjth* of January, 1568
[i.e., 1569],

Sir ARTHUR CHAMPERNOWN hath willed me to advertise your Honour, that, to-morrow next, he mindeth depart out of Plymouthj with all the treasure, towards Exeter; and to be there, the next day following, where he mindeth to stay till Saturday next following. He mindeth to provide, for the safe conduct of the same, fifty horsemen, and fifty footmen, with artillery and things necessary for the same; which this bearer can declare to your Honour all at large : and then to come with the treasure, with as much diligence as is possible. Praying your Honour to advertise, by post, if this determination like you not; and he will be willing to follow your Honour's determination to the contrary-

From Plymouth, *ut supra*.

By your Honour's, always to command,

WILLIAM
HAWKINS.

Addressed—

To the Right Honourable Sir W^{ILLIAM} CECIL Knight, Chief Secretary to the Queen's Majesty; give this, at the Court, with all haste possible.

Haste ! Haste ! Post Haste!

